

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 43

\$40,000 in Stimulus Funds Spent on... 10 Trash Cans!

- The Bloomington, Indiana, City Sanitation Department recently spent \$40,000 of Stimulus funds on 10 solar-powered trash compactors. Coming in at **\$4,000 a piece**, the 10 trash cans were installed throughout the downtown area of Bloomington.
- Shelby Walker, the city's Director of Sanitation, says the new solar-powered trash cans resemble "green mailboxes," and that the city will eventually install more units.
- Unfortunately, there is no evidence that \$40,000 worth of "waste" cans created a single new job in Bloomington, or Indiana, which struggles with a 9.9% unemployment rate.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, \$40,000 in taxpayer funds would not be spent on trash cans. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- Source: <http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=12348123>

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